

his biggest turn-on. While most people always find themselves in the kitchen at parties, I always make sure I find myself in the pool. I even managed it at our wedding reception, fifteen years ago, when I jumped off the diving board in my going-away outfit and then threw my bouquet into the pool. I wasn't surprised when half a dozen other girls leapt in to fight for it, and by the end of the evening almost everyone was in the pool and swimming around.'

Why water works

'Why does it work for me? I don't really know, but I've got theories. Firstly, it feels naughty: doing something that you were always told not to do: "Don't get your shoes wet", "Don't get caught in the rain". "Take an umbrella with you or you'll spoil your suit". All things that I studiously ignore. Secondly, like a good many people, I'm an exhibitionist. I haven't got the confidence to deliberately flaunt my body but, by getting "accidentally" wet in clothing that I ensure clings and goes virtually transparent, I am in a way exposing myself to anyone who's interested.

But thirdly – and I think that this is the biggest thing for me – I just love the feeling of going from dry to wet. One moment I'm immaculate and dry, and the next my clothes are wet. They suck in and stick to me and just feel amazing. There is a kind of suction effect that wakes up your entire skin. To me, almost half of the excitement and pleasure is the anticipation of the soaking – still being dry but knowing that wetness is coming.

This might not work for everyone, but it does for me, and if you haven't tried it yet, just give it a go. You'll either thank me or think that I'm mad. Whatever, I'm sure it will stimulate your partner.'

Water – the ice-breaker

So what has wet look got to do with swinging? Well, it's another form of fetish. A gentler and more discreet one than BDSM, and it's less demanding than being tied up, strapped into a rubber mask or being soundly spanked. It is also, very often, a group event – think of the parties where everyone ends up in the water. The liquid environment is sexy – it's where we all came from and we all have a yearning to feel it covering us again. Whatever their body shape, all women look great in wet clothing. They feel great, too, and getting wet in their finest attire is a form of abandonment: 'I've gone this far, I'm relaxed and I feel good – so why not let go a bit more?' On many occasions, getting wet is either a precursor to an outbreak of spontaneous swinging or can be part a planned evening of swinging fun.

So, if you are a well-attired water nymph – or a wet-look watcher – pray for some better summer weather... or save up for that indoor swimming pool or garden spa.

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If we've 'wetted' your appetite – or just re-affirmed what you already feel, there are many websites to visit, including the following:

www.artaqua.co.uk

– a UK supplier of a range of wet-look DVDs and publications

www.forum.minxmovies.com

– a forum for wet-lovers that gives a multitude of links for wet sites – many free examples

www.eewetlookproductions.com

– a Dutch site with English language option, the emphasis mostly on denim. A pay site, really, but with a massive range of free samples and links

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